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Quote of the Quarter

“Thoughts lead on to purposes, purposes go forth in action; actions form habits; habits decide character; and character fixes our destiny.”

THE 5TH ANNUAL PROCUREMENT AND QUALITY CONFERENCE



NAVSEALOGCENDET Portsmouth sponsored their 5th Annual Procurement and Quality Conference on 7-9 May 2002 at Cooper River Landing, The Conference Center, Space and Naval Warfare Systems Center, Charleston, South Carolina. Participants came from all over the country. Presentations delivered at the conference can be found on our web site at: www.nslcptsmh.navsea.navy.mil. Click on “Conference Information” under “Products/Services/Other”.

The date and location of the next conference is still being discussed. This information will be posted on our web site as soon as a final decision is made. Stay tuned...

PDREP CLIENT SERVER TRANSITION

The NAVSEALOGCENDET Portsmouth PDREP Client Server life span is running out and will soon be inaccessible to our customers. In addition to moving to a new database, NAVSEA Security requirements had to be modified. The Product Data Reporting and Evaluation Program (PDREP), which was housed on the client server, will now be accessible via Internet Explorer and Netscape. Users with access extensions to the client server will be notified in the near future when their extensions will be curtailed by NAVSEALOGCENDET Atlantic.

If you are unable to run certain reports through the web, NAVSEALOGCENDET Portsmouth will be glad to run them for you and provide you with the results until all transition issues are



resolved. Any questions please contact the Help Desk: (603) 431-9460 or DSN 684-1690 extension 486.

WHAT'S NEW? WITH THE CONTRACTOR PERFORMANCE ASSESSMENT REPORTING SYSTEM (CPARS) AUTOMATED INFORMATION SYSTEM (AIS)



As previously reported, the Defense Logistics Agency (DLA) has entered into an agreement with NAVSEALOGCENDET Portsmouth to use CPARS to process and collect their contractor performance assessments. There are five DLA field activities that are or will be using CPARS in the near future. They include the Defense Supply Centers in Columbus, OH (DSCC), Philadelphia, PA (DSCP), and Richmond, VA (DSCR), the Defense Energy Support Center (DESC), Fort Belvoir, VA, and the Defense Reutilization and Marketing Service (DRMS), Battle Creek, MI. DSCP and DESC combined have registered over 550 contracts in the Automated Information System (AIS) and have initiated 167 CPARS. NAVSEALOGCENDET Portsmouth provided CPARS training to DRMS the week of 15 July 2002 and will schedule training at DSCC in the very near future. NAVSEALOGCENDET Portsmouth is pleased to include DLA and its field activities in the CPARS family!

If you need more information on CPARS don't hesitate to call the Program Manager, at DSN 684-1690 or Commercial (603) 431-9460, extension 463, or e-mail webptsmh@navsea.navy.mil.

Federal Past Performance Information Retrieval System (PPIRS) Update



The DoD Past Performance Automated Information System (PPAIS) was replaced by the new federal Past Performance Information Retrieval System (PPIRS) which was deployed on 1 July 2002. When it went operational, former PPAIS users had access to an additional 1,651 NASA records. Now Department of Defense users have been joined by NASA users at NASA Headquarters, Jet Propulsion Laboratory, Johnson Space Center, Kennedy Space Center, Marshall Space Flight Center, Ames Research Center and Dryden Flight Research Center. NASA users gain access to over 15,000 DOD past performance assessments.

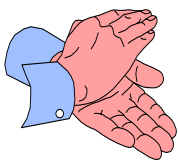
PPIRS is the central retrieval point for past performance assessments collected across the entire federal government. An OFPP Policy memo signed by Angela Styles on July 3rd stated that PPIRS will be the central retrieval point for use by any federal government source selection

official. Soon we will be adding additional records from the National Institutes of Health (NIH) Contractor Performance System to the DOD and NASA records already collected from CPARS, the Army's Past Performance Information Management System (PPIMS) and NASA's Past Performance Data Base (PPDB). What makes it "federal" is that NIH's Contractor Performance System is used by eighteen other federal agencies in addition to NIH. We hope to identify group owners and managers for more than fifty different groups in the next few weeks and that is only the beginning.

In case you're wondering, we currently have over 70 groups identified within DOD. That will get us up to speed with users/agencies that have been identified in the current collection systems. However, that is not all. In time we hope to add any agency that has identified a legitimate need to view source selection information to help them choose the "best value" contractor for future awards, which may be an additional fifty agencies or more. There's even talk of using the same system for storing past performance information on entities that have received government grants (instead of contract awards). This will mean even more data that can be shared with other government agencies.

By the time you read this, over 10,000 contractors will be able to access all this information using the DUNS number and Marketing Partner Identification Number (MPIN) that they received from the Central Contractor Registry (CCR). Contractors are almost as enthusiastic about having a central repository for past performance information as our government source selection officials are. Having all past performance information stored at a central site accessible via the Internet is a boon for everyone. If you need more information or have any questions, contact the PPIRS program analyst, (603) 431-9460 ext. 470 or DSN 684-1690 ext. 470 or email webptsmh@navsea.navy.mil.

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The RYG Continuous Improvement Council is pleased to announce the recipients of the first yearly "RYG Recognition Award". The award was implemented to recognize individuals who have been consistent supporters of the RYG program, and who have contributed significantly to its success. This year's awards go to Ray Collins (Norfolk Naval Shipyard), Ronda Rothermel (FISC Norfolk Naval Shipyard Annex), Natalia Luciw (NAVICP-Philadelphia), Diane Kalousdian (Tinker AFB,) and Kevin Garduno (Hill AFB). Thank you all, and keep up the great work!

It is our goal to make RYG as user friendly as possible. If you have comments or need more information on the RYG program, don't hesitate to call DSN 684-1690, extension 473, or Commercial (603) 431-9460, extension 473 or e-mail webptsmh@navsea.navy.mil.

GOVERNMENT & INDUSTRY DATA EXCHANGE PROGRAM (GIDEP)



The Government Advisory Group for GIDEP will be holding elections for officers at the next GIDEP management meeting in August. Two-year terms for Chairman, Vice-Chairman, and Executive Secretary will be voted upon. All GAG members are encouraged to consider offering their services for one of these positions. It is a terrific opportunity for becoming directly involved with key issues to provide input, advice, and assistance on program policy and procedures. First hand assurance that GIDEP management policy, funding, and objectives are in consonance with your own organization can be beneficial. A management commitment is essential to support travel to typically, two management meetings each year plus an abbreviated meeting at the end of the annual workshop. In order to maintain the orderly flow of progress on issues being worked, teleconferences are held each four to six weeks. Members should look upon this opportunity as a chance to assist GIDEP, and benefit your organization and provide personal growth. Members are free to nominate themselves or a fellow member.

Additionally, one of the strategic action items that the GAG is currently working on is to identify possible sources of GIDEP data by suggesting databases either in-house or ones that you may typically work with. Each member is requested to forward suggestions to one of the GAG officers for any database that you may be aware of that possibly could benefit the GIDEP community. You can be assured that the data will be carefully analyzed for sensitivity and useability. If you have comments or need more information on the GIDEP program, don't hesitate to call DSN 684-1690 or Commercial (603) 431-9460, extension 476 or email webptsmh@navsea.navy.mil.

TRIVIA CORNER

Last Issue's Trivia Question

Why is the number of rows of grains on an ear of corn always even?

Answer: Because the cell producing the grain splits in two.

This Issue's Trivia Question:

What record did Babe Ruth break when he hit 60 home runs in 1927?

Answer: In next issue...

